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It is understood the Democratic candidate for representative in this congressional district is to be Lawrence W. Smith of Ionia. Mr. Smith is said to be a fine young man with probably years enough ahead to forget the beating he is to receive.

With two-thirds or more of the 12,500 Progressive voters of two years ago back in the Republican party, the 8th congressional district ought to be good for 10,000 plurality this year. Possibly this is a low estimate as it does not include the Democratic farmers and wage earners who will vote the Republican ticket.

Governor Ferris does not consider his chances of re-election as bright as they might be, as shown by a statement made recently to a local man. The governor then said in substance: "I was only an accident two years ago. Had it not been for the Bull Moosers, I would not have been elected. That party, so far as I am able to observe in my travels around the state, will not show much strength this fall. If it does not, I will be defeated. My only hope is in the Bull Moose party holding somewhere near its 1912 strength, which doesn't appear at all likely."—Grand Rapids Herald.

Former Senator Ira Sayre of Flushing, who left the Republican party to become a Bull Moose, explains his return to the party of his first love as follows: "I left the Republican party not because of the Chicago row of the Roosevelt-Taft fight, but because of the Taft administration's monumental blunder in committing the party to the Canadian reciprocity policy. And, do you know, most of the Republican farmers who voted against Taft did so for that very reason, too. By the same or similar token they are back in the Republican ranks this year—and a lot of Democratic farmers with them—because the Democratic tariff bill has put into law the very things the Taft reciprocity measure attempted to secure. They are dead set against the Democratic administration and see no way to defeat it except through the Republican party and the restoration of protection for the farmer. Why, the blow at the sugar beet industry alone has reduced the value of our farming lands \$10 an acre. You can't make a farmer like that, can you? In Michigan, at any rate, the 'agricultural vote' is going to be overwhelmingly Republican."

Referring to a statement of F. O. Lindquist that he would not be a candidate at the primary for the congressional nomination in this district, the Gratiot County Herald says:

"This leaves Hon. Joseph Fordney the only candidate for the Republican nomination and he ought to be. He is by far the ablest exponent of the tariff among the representatives in the lower house of congress from Michigan. He stands at the head of the Republican membership on the great Ways and Means committee of the House and in the event of a Republican majority in the lower house, he would be chairman of that powerful committee. The farmers, laborers and business men of Gratiot county and the entire eighth district will be very fortunate in having

an opportunity to vote for Joe Fordney who has so persistently defended their interests. Irrespective of who may be his opponents the Herald confidently predicts the re-nomination and re-election of Mr. Fordney. Not to nominate and elect him would be more than a political blunder. It would be a national calamity, for he stands among the foremost defenders and exponents of the American principle of protection in the entire nation."

Bro McCall is mistaken in just one thing. Mr Fordney is second on the Republican side of the ways and means committee, but has been frequently mentioned for chairman of the committee in case the Republicans control the house.

Congressman S. W. Smith, of the sixth district, has announced that he will not seek a re-nomination and urges the voters of the district to nominate and elect Patrick H. Kelley, now congressman-at-large, as his successor. Mr. Smith has been elected nine times by the district and two years ago received the largest vote he ever polled—an endorsement of which he may well be proud. The friends of Mr. Kelley all over the state—and there are enough of them to have made him governor if his consent could have been secured—will heartily congratulate him on the fact that he will be unopposed for the nomination and triumphantly elected in November next, when Michigan Republicans are going to send thirteen men of their party to serve in the next congress.

Col. Roosevelt has announced his determination to support ex-Senator H. D. Hinman, Republican, for governor of New York and urges all Progressives to fall in line for him. In national politics he said he should endeavor to strive for the success of the principles embodied in the Progressive national platform. Therefore, shall oppose the policies of the present administration, which I regard as deeply injurious alike to the honor and the interest of the American people."



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The Saginaw Courier-Herald says: Petitions are being circulated for the nomination of George W. Dailey for congressman from this district on the Progressive party ticket.

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